

# Strong performance first half year 2017

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# Results driven by strong operating performance in all segments, benign claims experience and favorable financial markets

## Strong operating performance

- Operating result up 28.8% to € 385m, driven by solid performance in all business segments
- Operating ROE at 17.4%, well above target of 'up to 12%'
- Operating expenses stable; absorbing cost base of acquisitions; cost reduction initiatives on track to achieve target

## Robust Solvency II ratio, up 5%pts, absorbing additional market risk and share buybacks

- Strong organic capital creation and favorable markets outstrip impact of share buyback (-5%-pts), VA (-4%-pts) and re-risking (-7%-pts)

## Underwriting skills and financial discipline drive market-leading combined ratio

- Strong combined ratio of 93.6%; underwriting discipline and continued pursuit of profitable growth, benefiting from favorable weather conditions and low level of large claims
- All product lines delivering COR's ahead of target and all below 100%

### Operating result

**€ 385m**

+28.8%

(H1 2016: € 299m)

### Solvency II (SF)

**194%\***

+5%-pts

(FY 2016: 189%)

### IFRS net result

**€ 397m**

+4.2%

(H1 2016: € 381m)

### Operating ROE

**17.4%**

up to 12% target

(H1 2016: 14.9%)

### Capital accretion

**€ 333m\*\***

10% on SCR

### Return On Equity

**19.2%**

-1.7%-pts

(H1 2016: 20.9%)

### Operating expenses

**€ 283m**

-0.4%

(H1 2016: € 284m)

### Organic capital creation

**€ 193m**

6% on SCR

### Combined ratio

**93.6%**

Target < 97%

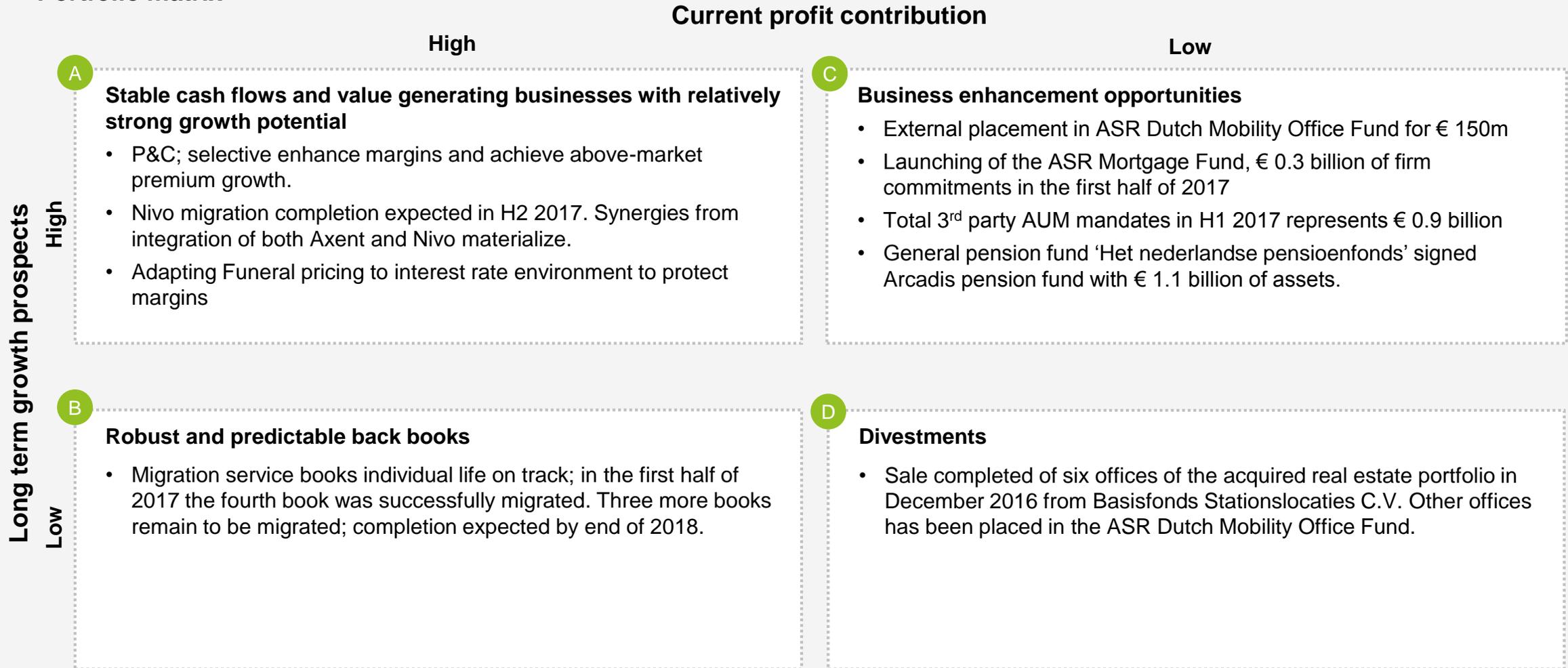
(H1 2016: 96.4%)

\* After share buyback (6m shares / € 153m / 5%-pts SII) and excluding a.s.r. Bank

\*\* Before buyback of own shares

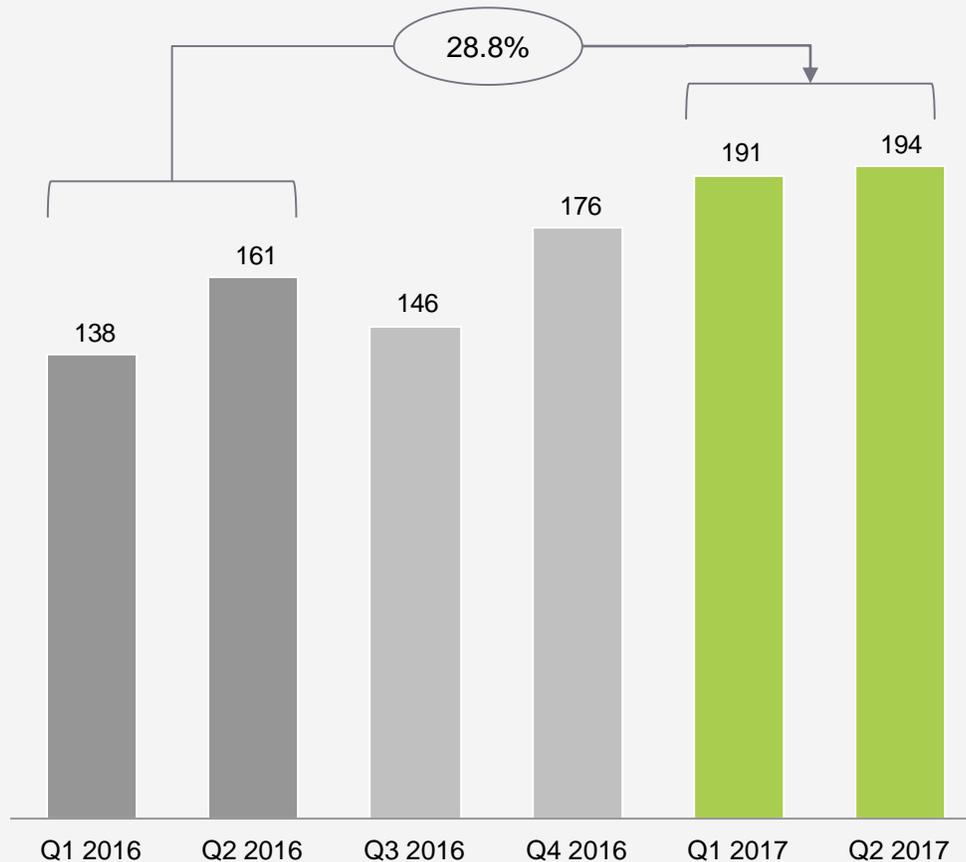
# Executing our strategy and optimizing the business portfolio

## Portfolio matrix



# Increased quarterly operating result reflects strong business momentum

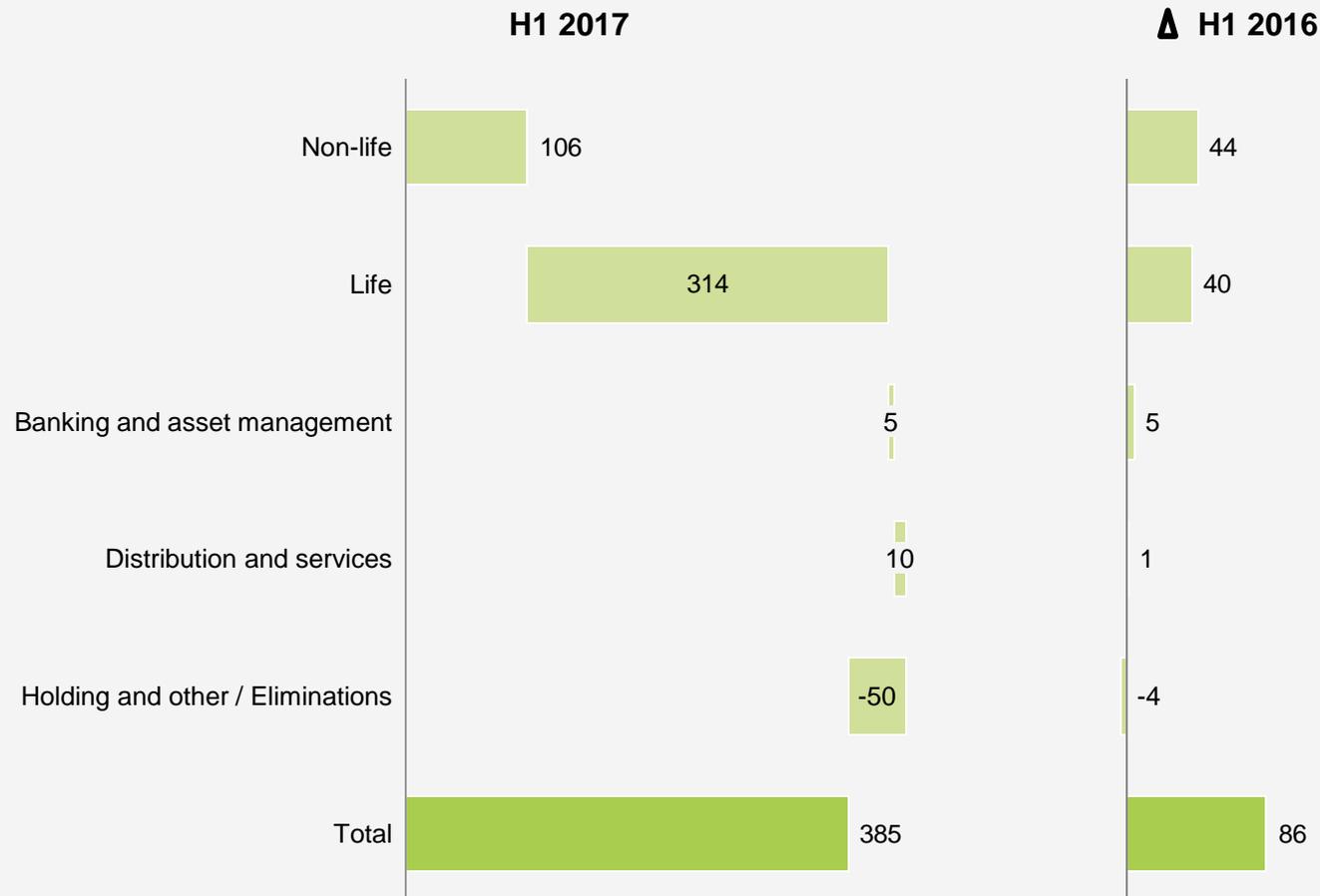
## Operating result (in € mln)



- Quarterly operating result H1 2017 at a higher level than each quarter of H1 2016.
- Adjusted for seasonality effects (e.g. dividends) and one-offs, quarterly operating result still significantly above average quarterly operating result 2016.
- Benefit from positive underwriting result and increased investment result

# All business segments drive strong increase in operating result

## Operating result (in € mln)



- **Non-life segment (+ € 44m)**

Increase operating result mainly from an improved performance in the mandated broker distribution channel and from the favorable weather condition in P&C this year.

- **Life segment (+ € 40m)**

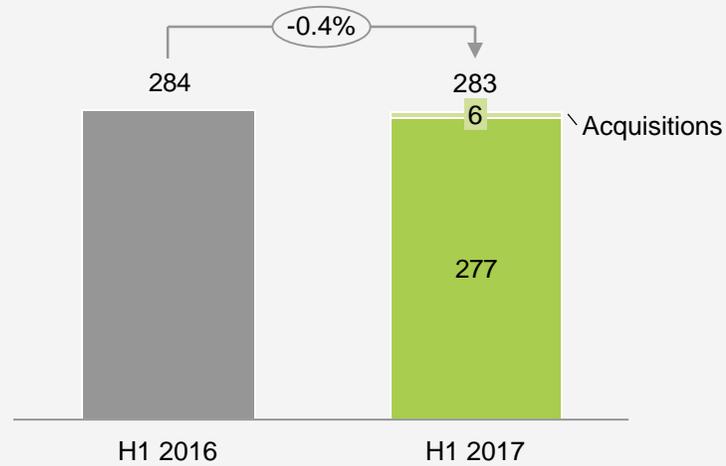
Increase in operating result attributable to higher investment-related returns, partly offset by the decrease in cost coverage and lower result on mortality.

- **Non-insurance segments (+ € 2m)**

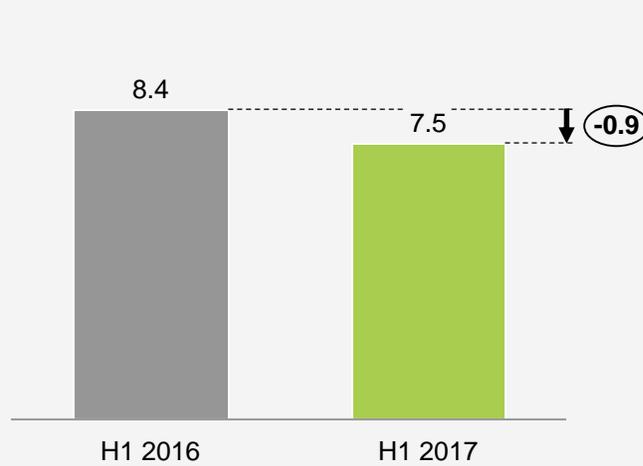
- Banking and Asset Management improved due to an inflow of AuM resulting in higher fee income
- Acquisitions of Corins and Supergarant contributed to an increase in operating result in Distribution & Services
- Holding and Other decline shows impact from higher net service cost for pension obligation own personnel

# Operating expenses remained stable absorbing additional cost base

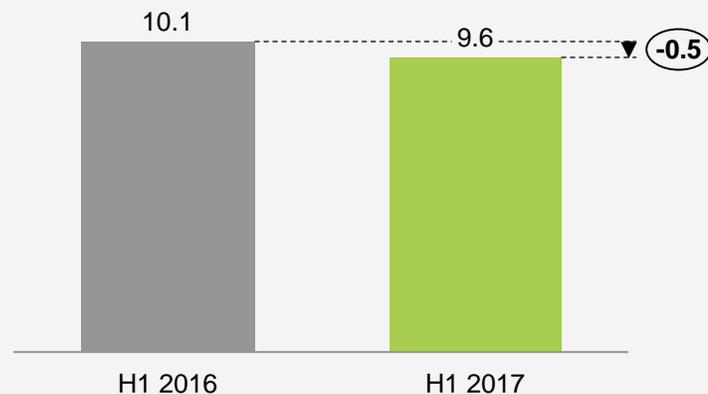
**Operating expenses (€ mln)**



**Non-life expense to premium ratio (in %)**



**Life expense to premium ratio (in % APE)\***

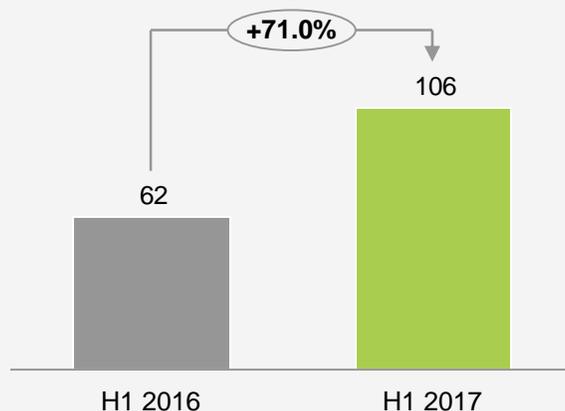


\* APE : annualized premium equivalent on basis of GWP

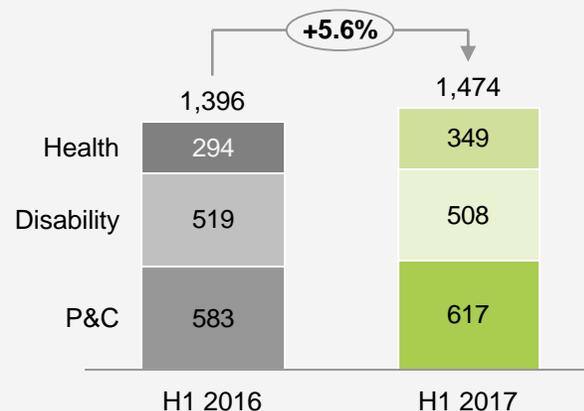
- Operating expenses decreased and absorb additional cost base of acquisitions and higher current net service cost of our employee pension plan.
- Acquisitions of Corins, SuperGarant and BNG represented and additional € 6m of operating expenses compared to H1 2016.
- Unwavering focus on costs drives expense ratio within Non-life down 0.9%-pts to 7.5%. Growth in business (5.6% increase in GWP) while keeping cost base stable.
- Within Life, tight cost control leads to lower cost ratio, even in restrained commercial environment.

# Non-life: ongoing underwriting excellence benefitted from favorable claims experience

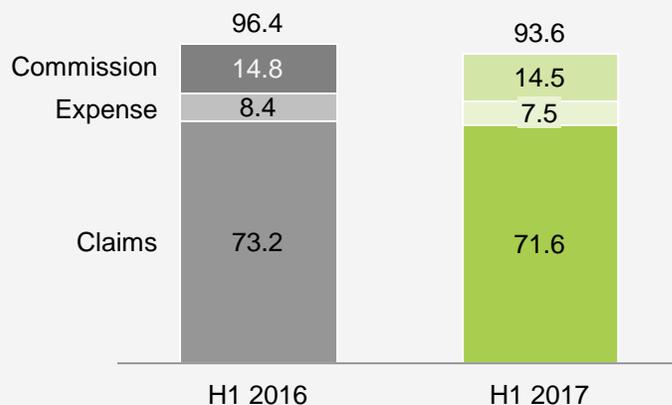
**Operating result** (in € mln)



**Gross written premiums** (in € mln)



**Combined ratio** (in %)



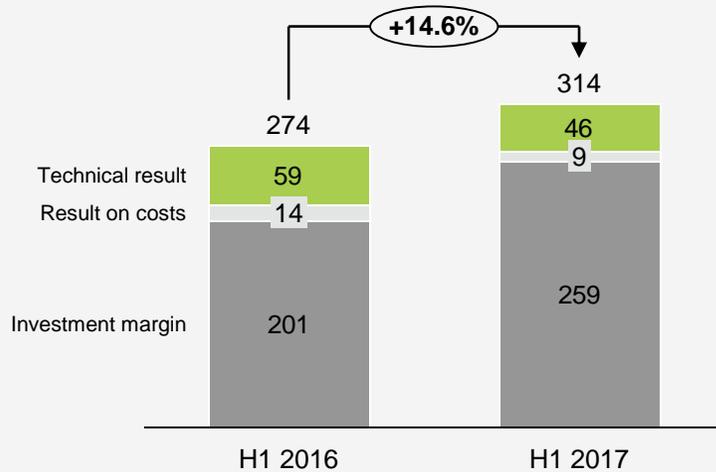
**Combined ratio by product line** (in %)



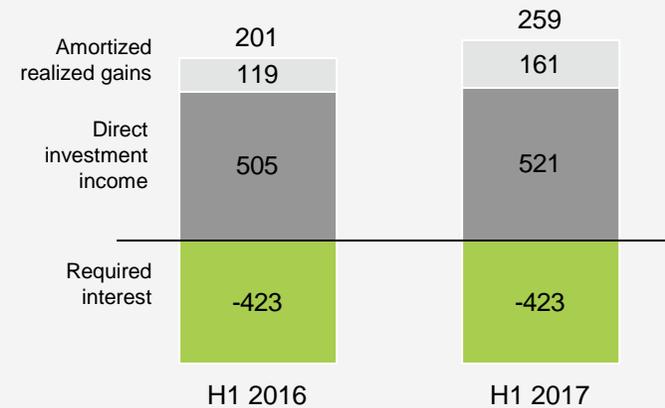
- Increase operating result reflects favorable operating conditions and continuously improving underwriting. Weather conditions this year were favorable, especially compared to last year (exceptional hail/ water damage claims € -25m in June 2016).
- Combined ratio of 93.6%, ahead of target (<97.0%); reflects broad-based improvement in claims ratio, expense ratio and commission ratio.
- P&C CoR at 92.7%, on normalized basis (4-year average level of large claims) still under 96%.
- All product lines and distribution channels profitable with CoR below 100%; ahead of medium targets.
- GWP increase driven by growth in P&C and Health. In Disability, value over volume focus led BeZaVa customers to choose for the lower priced proposition of Government entity UWV
- GWP in P&C up 5.8%

# Life performance: driven by investment margin

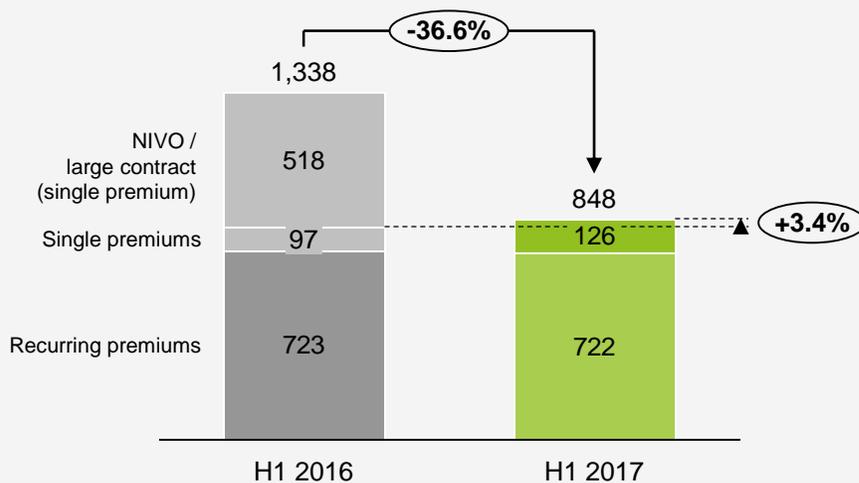
## Operating result (in € mln)



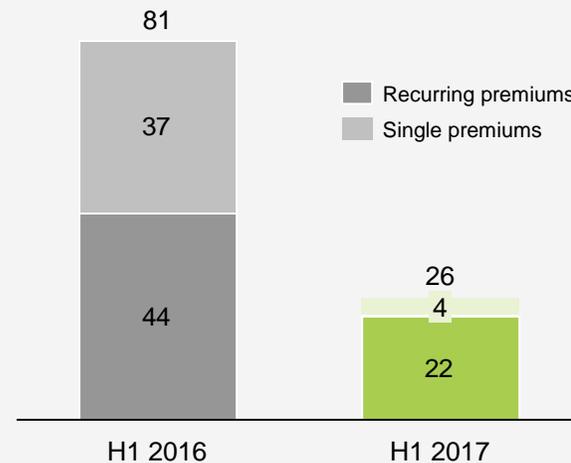
## Investment margin (in € mln)



## Gross Written Premiums (in € mln)



## New business (APE) (in € mln)



- Investment margin up € 58m: additional yield (+ € 16m) due to expansion of swap portfolio (swap-spread hedging program) and rerisking (mortgages, equity, credits). Amortization of the realized gains reserve showed an increase of € 42m; total capital gains reserve stable at € 3.4bln.
- Result on cost down € 5m due to lower cost coverage (- € 15m), mainly reflecting decline of Individual Life book. Strict cost control and the cost synergies from acquisitions resulted in a lower cost base for the Life segment (€ 10m).
- Technical result mainly lower due to mortality result, driven by incidental influenza wave in H1 2017 and a one-off gain in 2016.
- Recurring premiums remained stable, an increase driven by the Pension business and stable premium income at Funeral, offset by decrease in Individual Life business.

# Delivering on medium-term targets

Solvency II (SF)

**194%\***

> 160%  
medium-term target

Operating return on equity

**17.4%**

Up to 12%  
medium-term target

S&P rating (insurance business)

**Single A**

Single A  
medium-term target

Combined ratio Non-life

**93.6%**

< 97%  
medium-term target

Operating expenses

**€ 283m**

absorbing cost base of acquisitions;  
on track for medium-term target

Financial leverage

**23.5%**

< 30%  
medium-term target

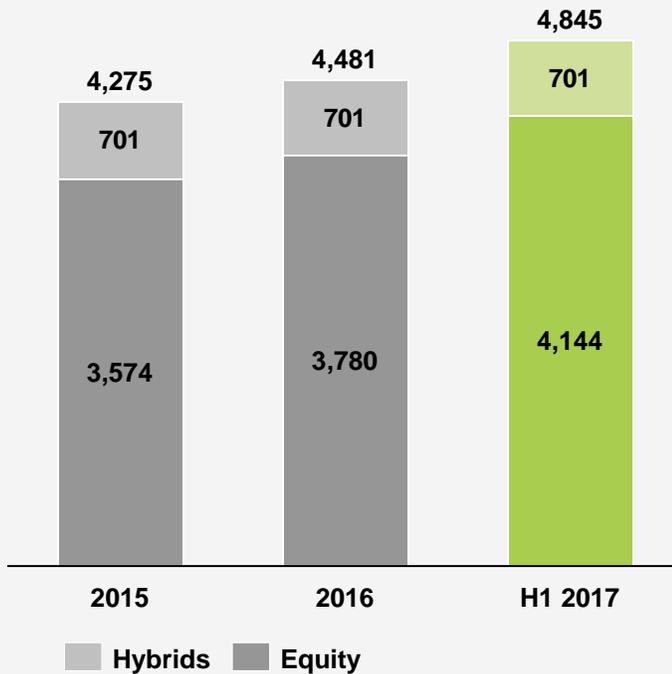
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# Solvency and capital

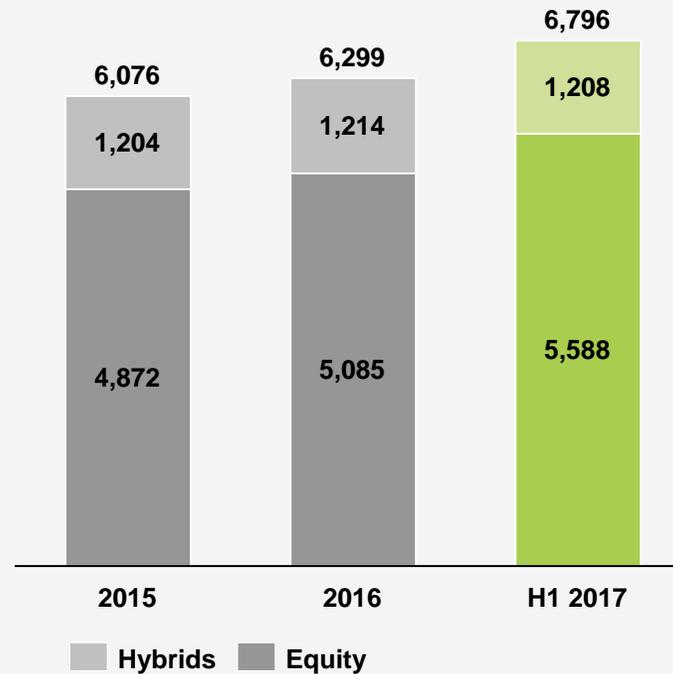
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# Multi year equity and SCR movement

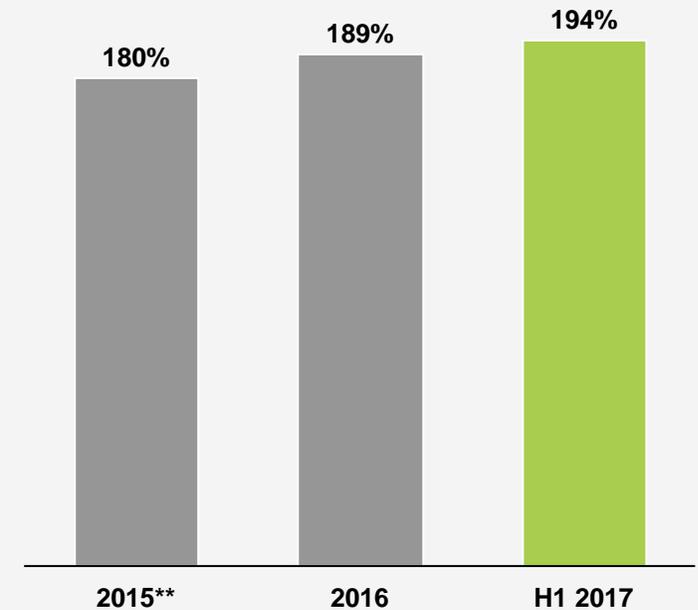
IFRS equity (in € mln)



SII EOF\* (in € mln)



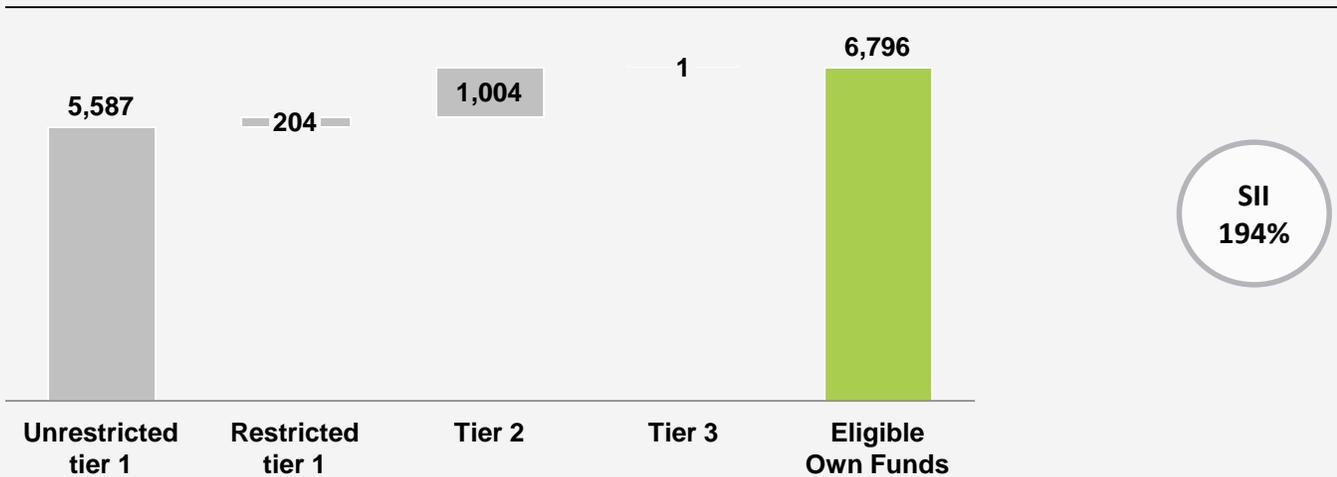
SCR ratio\* (in %)



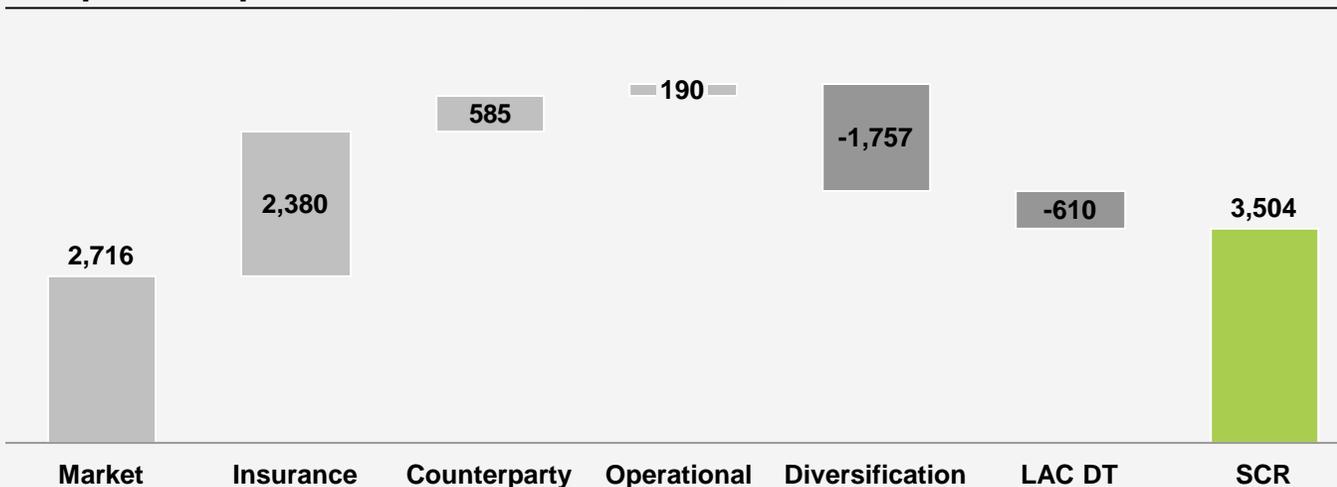
\* After deduction of (proposed) dividend payments (not for H1 2017)  
\*\* Day one reporting

# Robust Solvency II and significant financial flexibility

## Own funds (in € mln)



## Required Capital (in € mln)

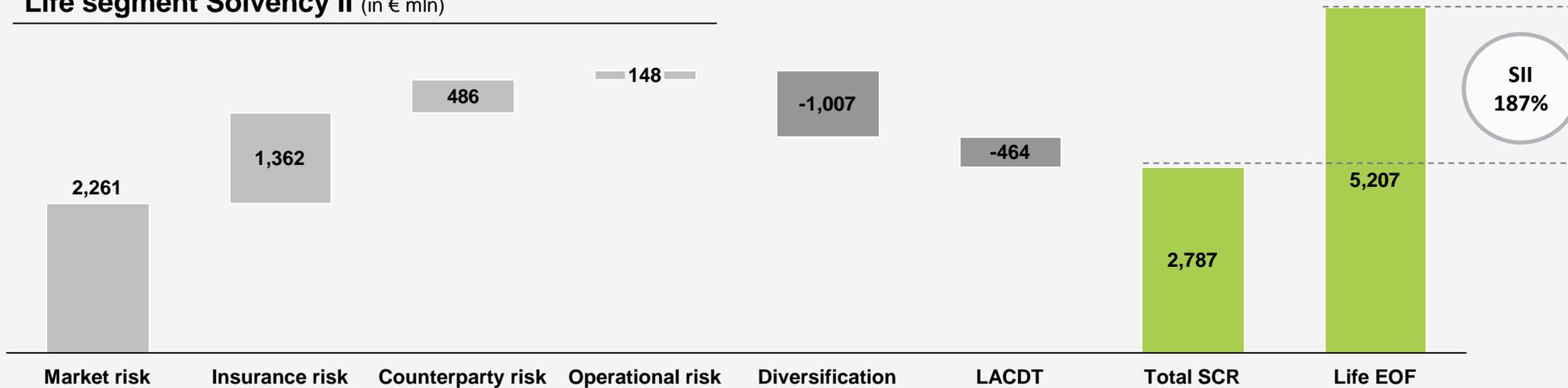


- Solvency II ratio 194% based on standard formula\*
- Tier 1 capital: 85% of total own funds and 165% of SCR.
- Restricted Tier 1 capital grandfathered hybrid capital instruments (first call date 2019)
- Tier 3 capital per 2017 H1 of € 1m; no tiering risk at present
- Significant further headroom available for additional restricted capital (and growing since year-end 2016)
  - T1: € 1,193m
  - T2&T3 : € 747m
- Market risk under 50% of required capital (pre-diversification)
- LAC DT ratio 60% of potential.

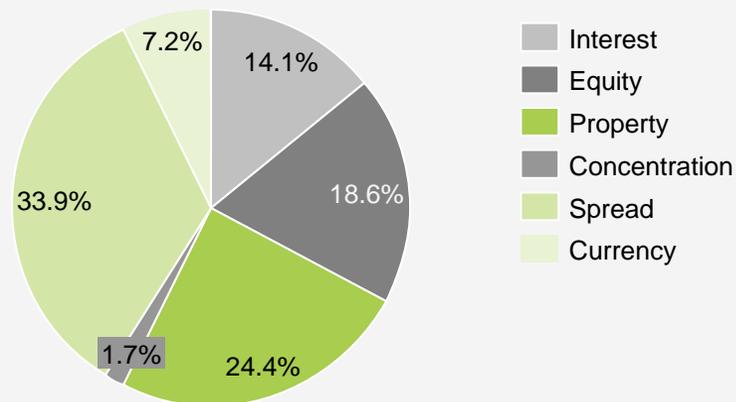
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# Life segment Solvency II

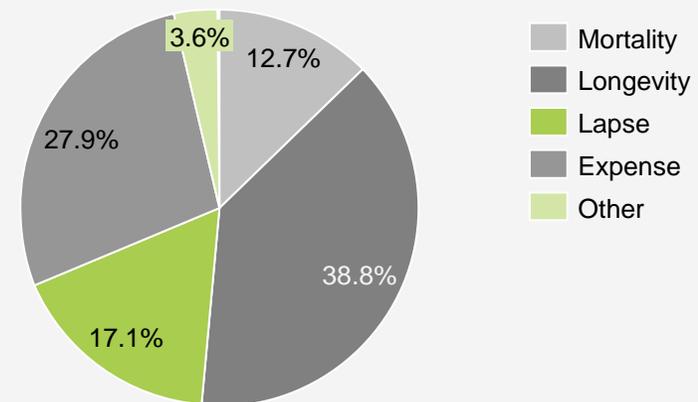
Life segment Solvency II (in € mln)



Market risk (in %)

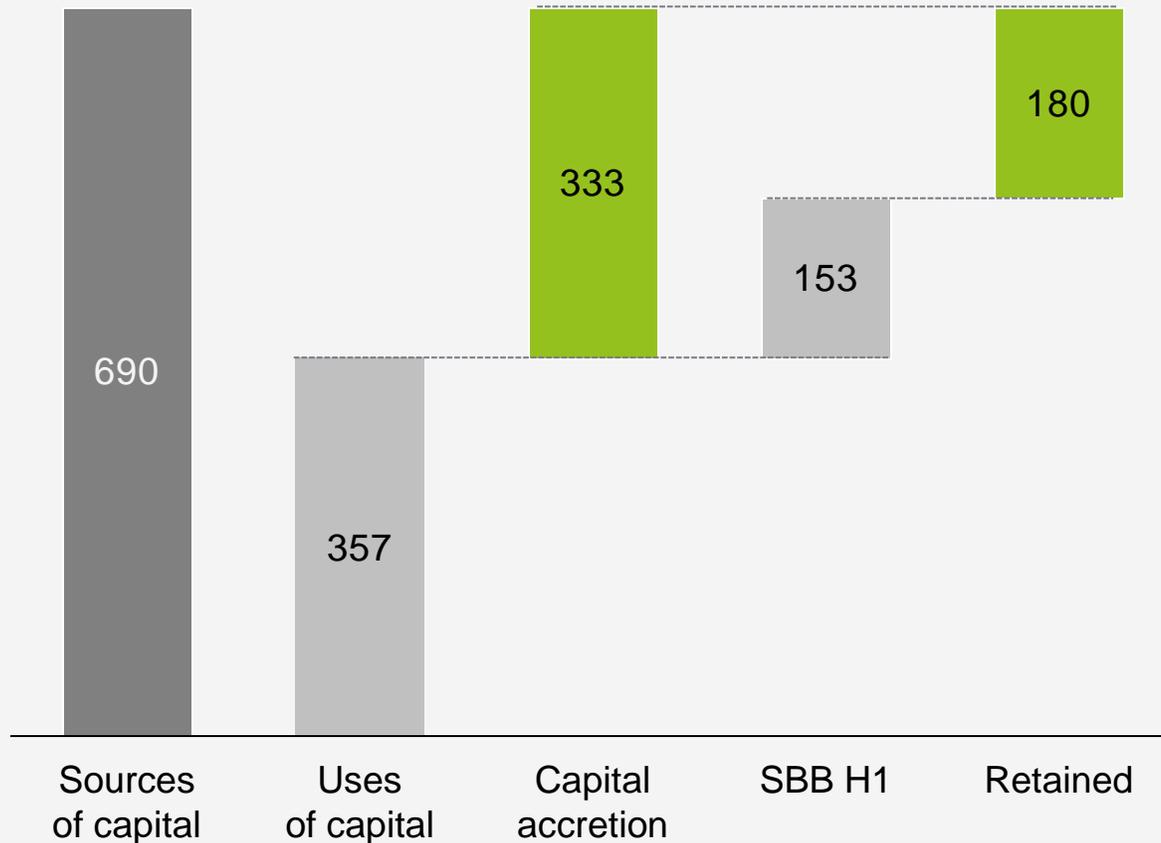


Insurance risk (in %)



# Capital accretion

## Capital accretion (in € mln)



- a.s.r. businesses amassed € 690m solvency capital in H1 through solid operational performance, capital release, favorable financial markets and other sources.
- Created capital was applied to re-risking, hybrid capital cost, absorbing the effect from the lower volatility adjustment and the UFR unwind.
- On balance, a.s.r. added € 333m of capital, of which €153m was returned to shareholders via a share buyback as part of NLF1's sell-down, on top of ordinary dividend over 2016.

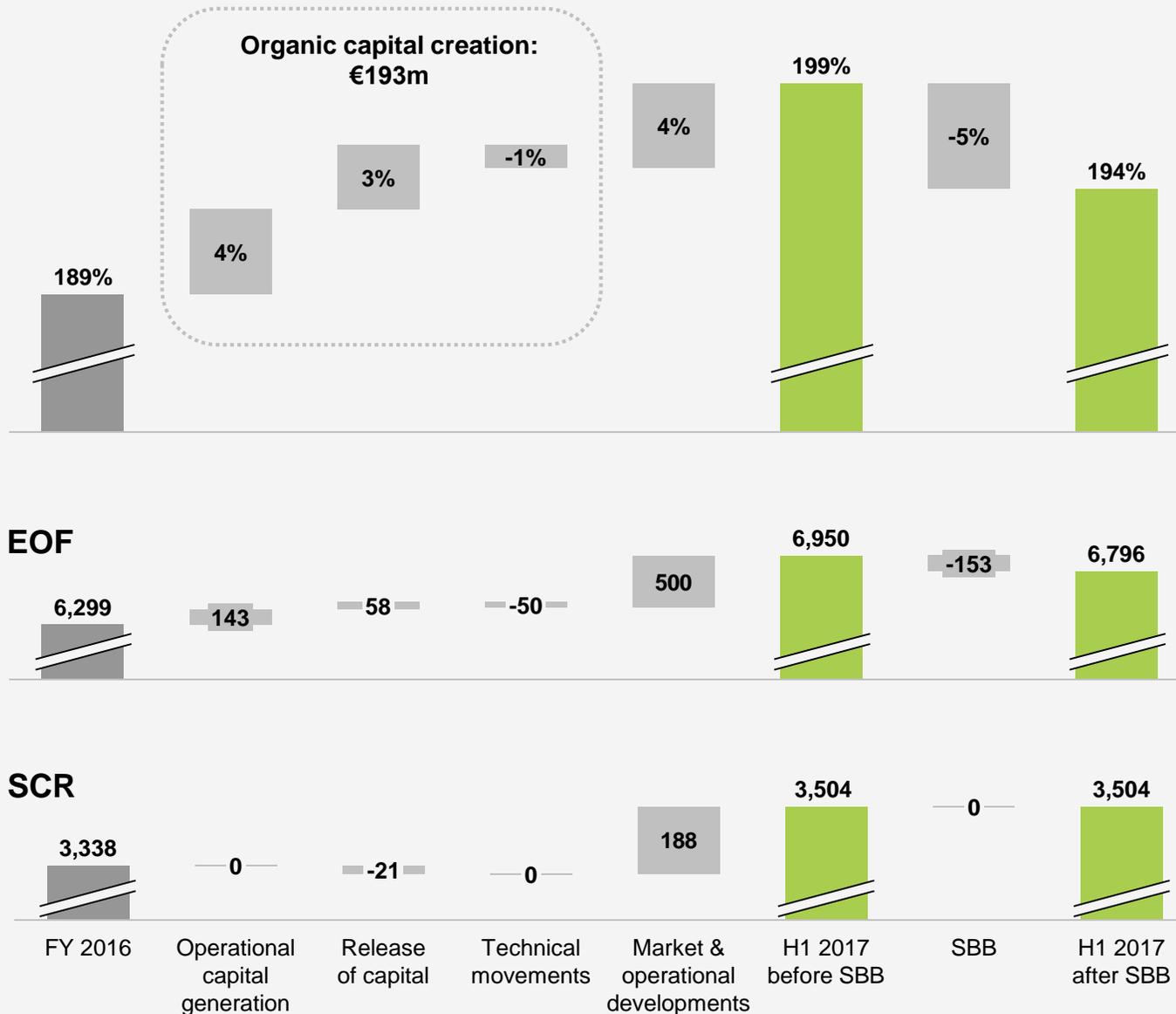
### Sources of capital

- Operational capital generation
- Net release of capital
- Assumption changes & business developments
- Investment results & market movements

### Uses of capital

- Technical movement: (f.e. UFR unwind)
- Cost of hybrids
- Additional market required from rerisking

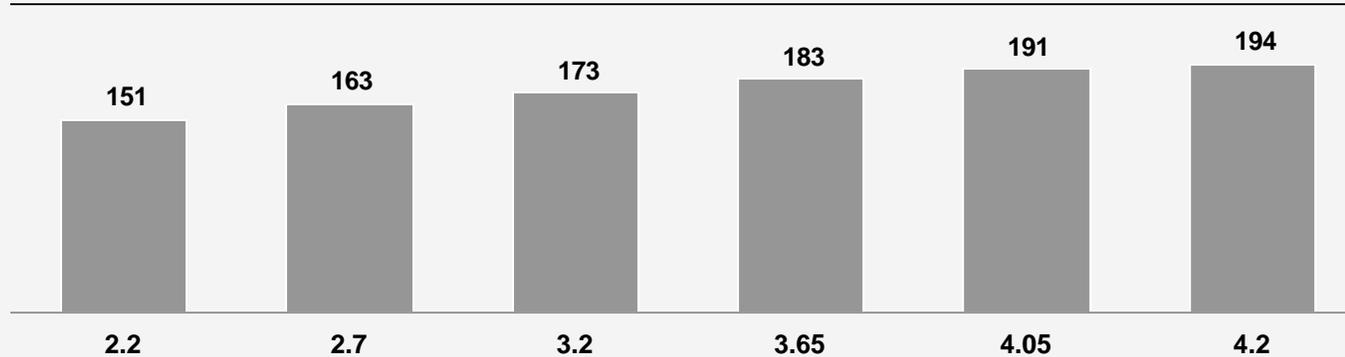
# Solvency ratio movement in H1 2017



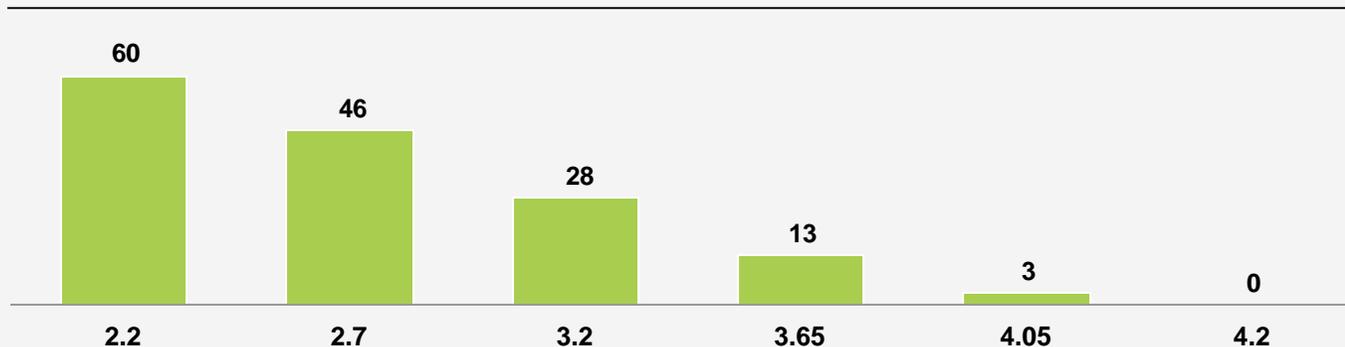
- Strong organic capital creation of € 193m or 6%-pts of SII
  - Solid operating performance of business segments generates 4%-pts SII, reflecting mostly strong technical results in non-life and investment returns conform LTIM assumptions.
  - Run off life book increases own funds and reduces required capital
  - Technical movements consist of UFR unwind (own funds)
- Total capital accretion before share buybacks 10%-points, absorbing -7%-points re-risking of investment portfolio and -4%-points of impact from lower VA in H1
- Financial markets were favorable with significant outperformance of LTIM assumptions in equity, mortgages and real estate
- Despite decrease in volatility adjustment, market developments are the largest contributor to own funds development and increase in solvency ratio
- Share buybacks in January and June 2017 (6m shares in total) amounted € 153m or 5%-points

# Sensitivity of SII ratio to UFR

## Stock of SII (in %)



## Additional annual OCC (“flow”) of SII from lower UFR unwind (in € mln)



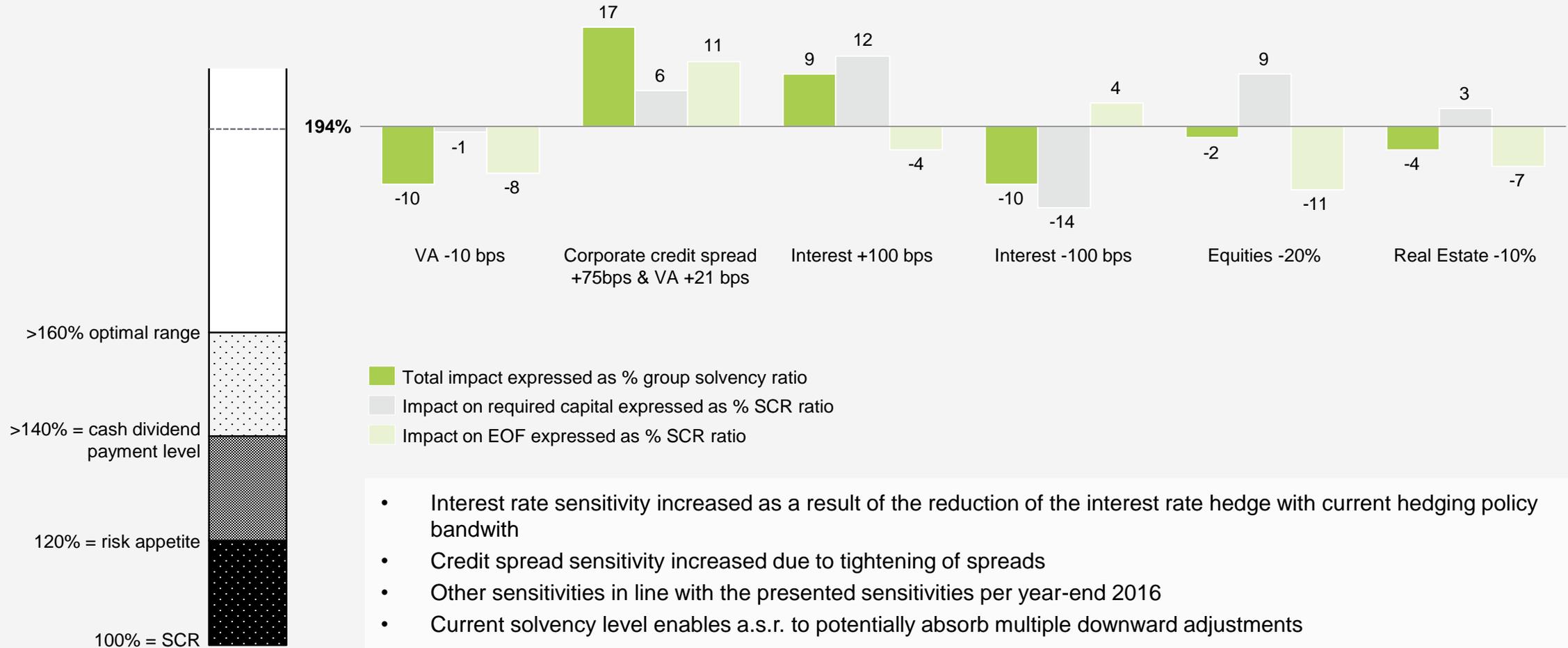
## Eligible Own Funds (in € mln)

UFR (%)	2.2	2.7	3.2	3.65	4.05	4.2
Eligible Own Funds (€ mln)	5,430	5,802	6,159	6,457	6,704	6,796

- Group solvency ratio 194% based on standard formula\*
- EIOPA will be lowering the UFR towards current target of 3.65% while lowering the UFR with 15 bps per annum. Target UFR for 2018 is 4.05%
- Lowering UFR would lead to lower ‘stock’ of capital but also increase organic capital creation because of reduced UFR unwind
- Economically, a UFR that is in line with long term investment results would be an optimal way to measure capital base (and compare to >100% threshold)
- At current yield, a.s.r. monitors at a UFR of 2.2% as metric for long term financial stability. The cash investment yield is somewhat above this number.

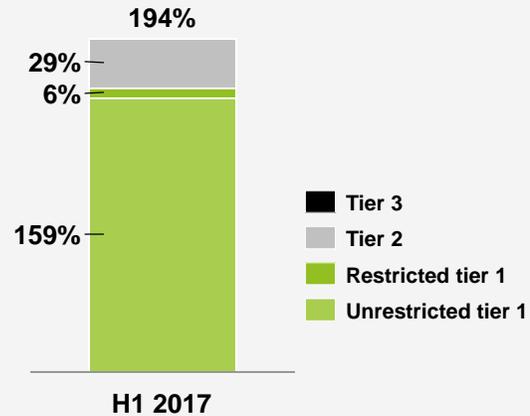
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# Sensitivities group solvency ratio

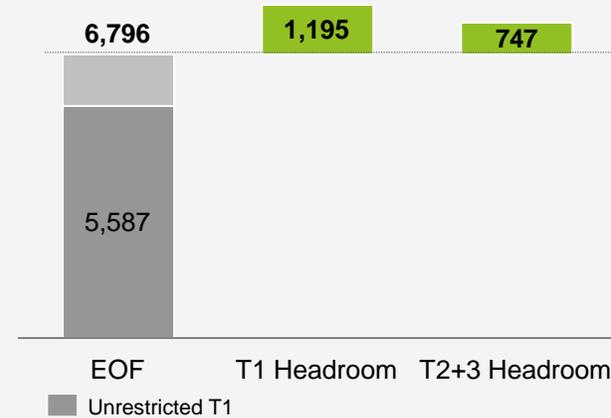


# Strong and resilient balance sheet

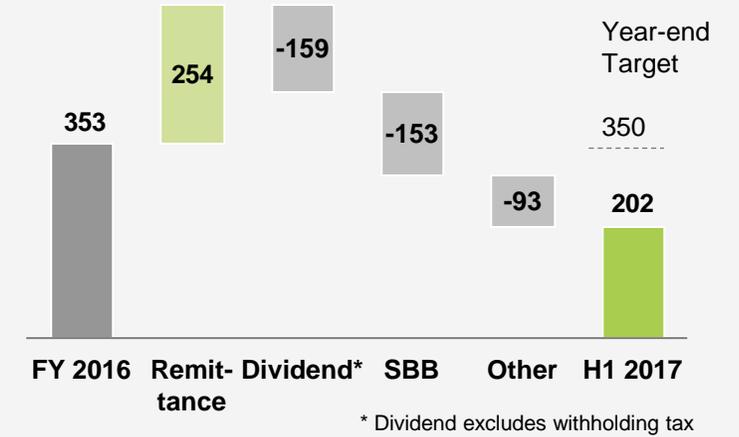
### Solvency II composition (in %)



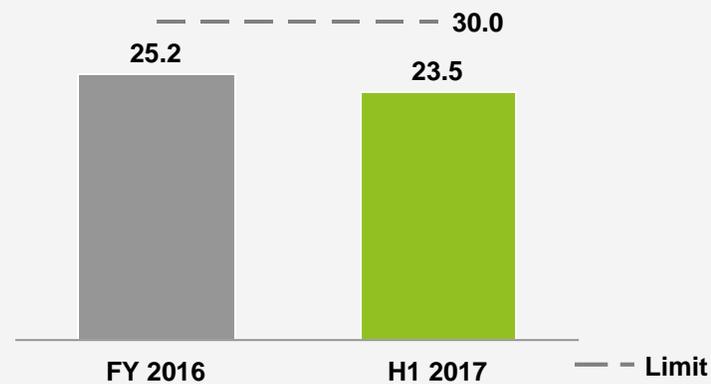
### Financial flexibility (in € mln)



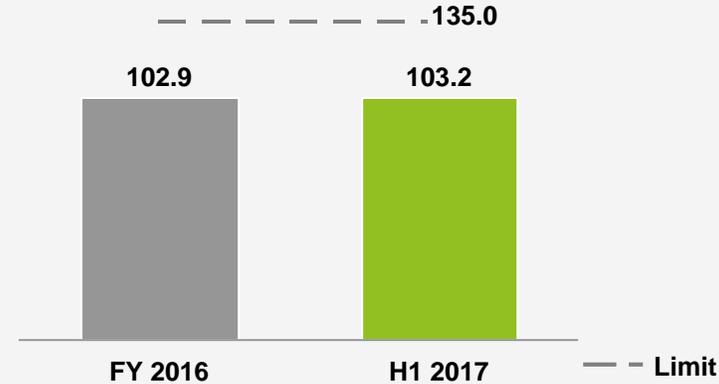
### Cash remittance (in € mln)



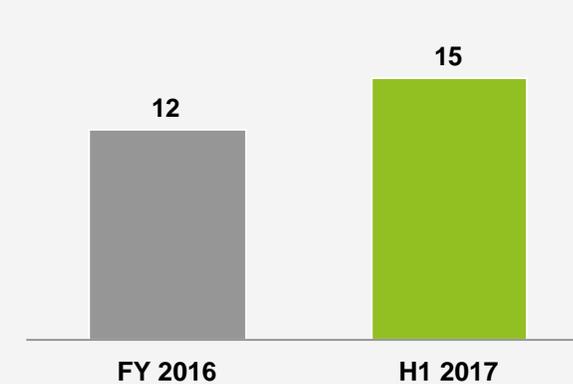
### Financial leverage (in %)



### Double leverage (in %)



### Interest coverage ratio (multiple)



# Wrap-up

Jos Baeten, CEO

# Key take-aways

- Strong operating performance, driven by solid performance in all business segments
- Underwriting and claims handling skills, combined with financial discipline, drive market-leading and profitable combined ratio, each product line ahead of target
- Life continues to represent an important part of earnings and organic capital creation
- Robust Solvency II ratio of 194% on standard formula, after absorbing re-risking and share buybacks
- Strong balance sheet and Solvency II enables to pursue profitable growth, organically and in-organically
- Considering extra share buyback of circa € 100m in possible final placing by NLF1 in H2, depending on prevailing market conditions and undiminished strong solvency

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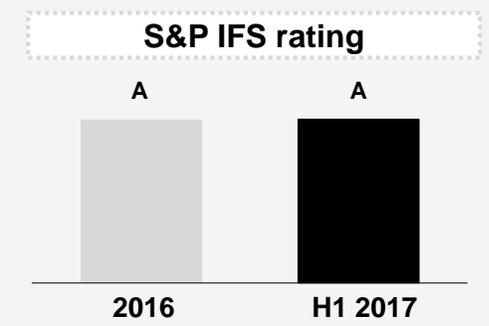
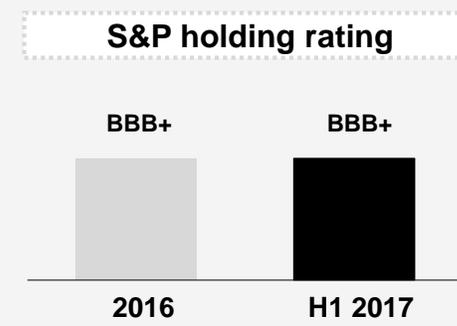
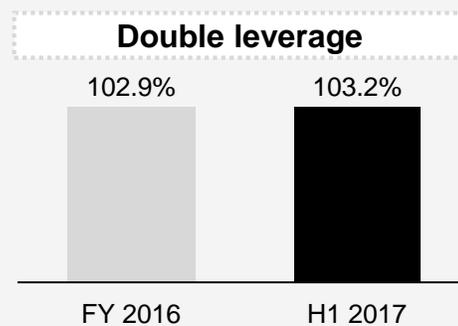
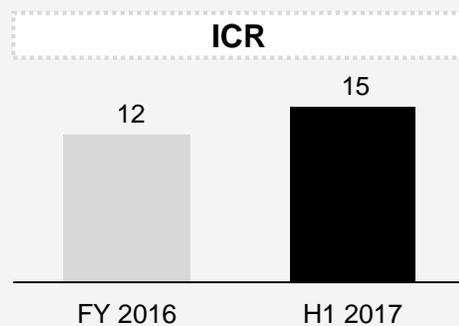
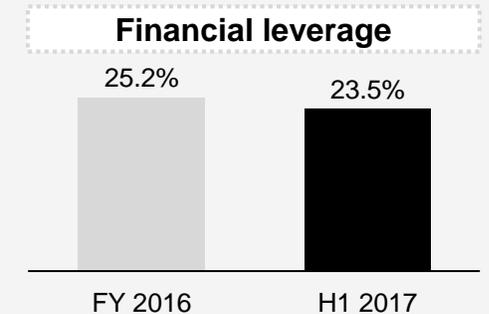
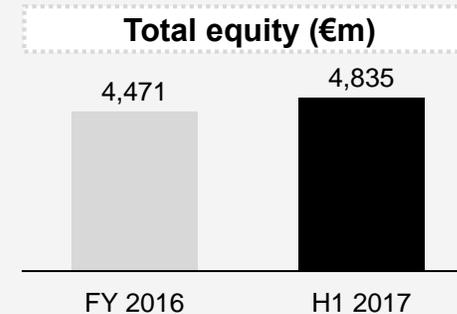
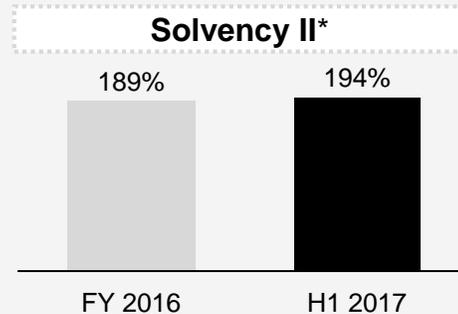
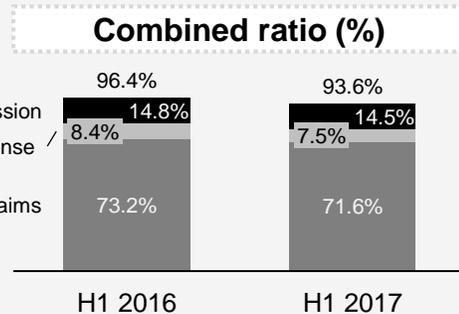
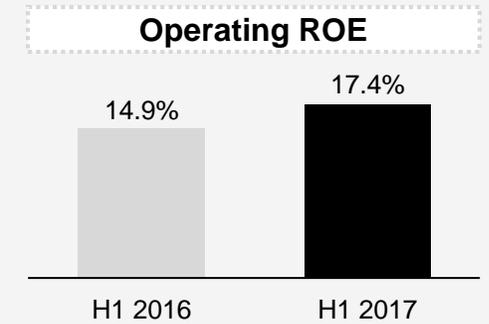
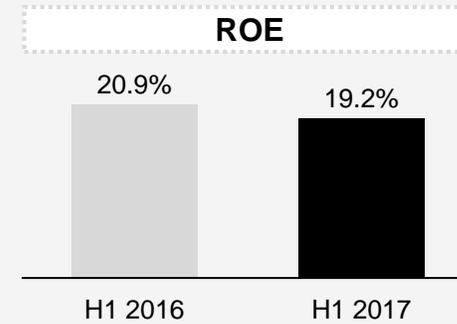
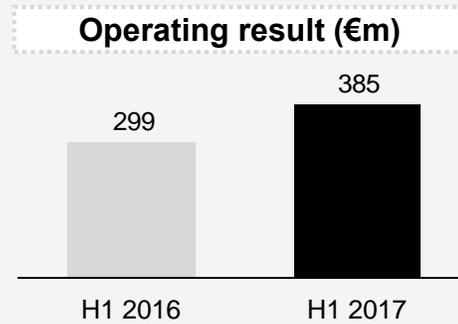
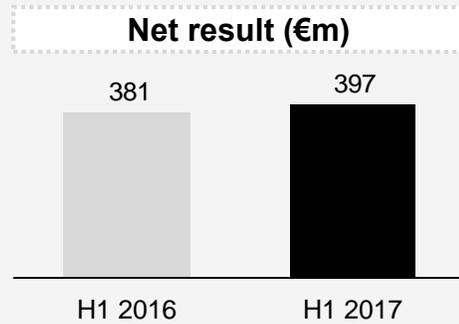
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- J. Investment contribution Life segment

# A. Financial ratios



\* Calculation based on standard model

## B. Combined ratio per product line

		H1 2016	H1 2017
<b>Segment Non-Life</b>	Claims ratio	73.2%	71.6%
	Expense ratio	8.4%	7.5%
	Commission ratio	14.8%	14.5%
	<b>Combined ratio</b>	<b>96.4%</b>	<b>93.6%</b>
<b>Disability</b>	Claims ratio	72.3%	74.6%
	Expense ratio	8.4%	7.9%
	Commission ratio	9.5%	9.4%
	<b>Combined ratio</b>	<b>90.2%</b>	<b>91.9%</b>
<b>Health</b>	Claims ratio	92.6%	92.3%
	Expense ratio	4.4%	3.9%
	Commission ratio	1.2%	0.9%
	<b>Combined ratio</b>	<b>98.2%</b>	<b>97.1%</b>
<b>Property &amp; Casualty *</b>	Claims ratio	62.3%	56.6%
	Expense ratio	10.7%	9.6%
	Commission ratio	26.5%	26.5%
	<b>Combined ratio</b>	<b>99.5%</b>	<b>92.7%</b>

\* Including travel and leisure insurance

# C. Calculation of operating ROE

(€ in million)		H1 2016		H1 2017
Operating result (before tax, annualized)		598		770
Minus: Interest on hybrid instruments (1)		45		45
Operating result after hybrid costs (before tax, annualized)		553		725
Tax effect (25% tax rate)		138		181
<b>Operating results after hybrids costs (net of taxes, annualized)</b>		<b>415</b>		<b>544</b>
(€ in million)	FY 2015	H1 2016	FY 2016	H1 2017
Equity attributable to shareholder	3,574	3,379	3,780	4,144
Minus: Unrealized gains and losses reserve (2)	683	690	726	912
Minus: IFRS Equity Real estate developments and SOS (3)	8	24	25	29
Adjusted IFRS equity	2,883	2,665	3,029	3,203
<b>Average adjusted IFRS equity</b>		<b>2,774</b>		<b>3,116</b>
<b>Operating ROE</b>		<b>14.9%</b>		<b>17.4%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Interest on hybrid instruments is deducted to show the return to equity shareholders after hybrid costs.

<sup>2</sup> Unrealized revaluation reserves are excluded as the operating results adjusts all capital gains and losses

<sup>3</sup> Real estate development and SOS's equity are excluded from calculation as they are also excluded from the operating result due to their 'run-off' classification

## D. Operating result per segment

	IFRS profit before tax	Investment related	Incidentals	Operating result	IFRS profit before tax	Investment related	Incidentals	Operating result
	H1 2016				H1 2017			
Segment Non-life	86	19	5	62	129	23	-	106
Segment Life	330	53	3	274	412	85	13	314
Segment Banking and Asset Management	4	4	-	-	7	3	-1	5
Segment Distribution and Services	9	-	-	9	10	-	-	10
Segment Holding and Other / Eliminations	57	-	103	-46	-47	-2	5	-50
Segment Real Estate Development	4	-	4	-	4	-	4	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>385</b>

**Operating result:** profit before tax adjusted for

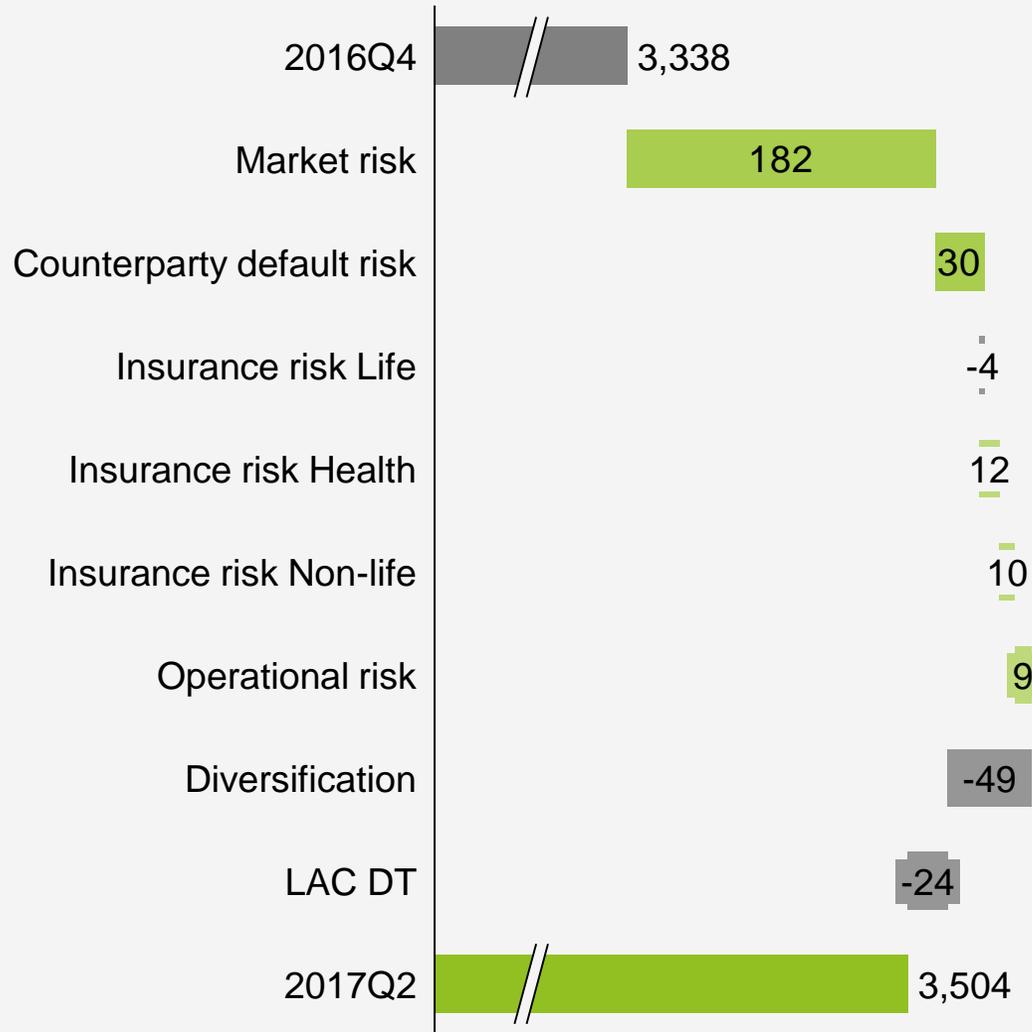
(i) investment related income: income for own account of an incidental nature (for example realized capital gains and losses, impairment losses or reversals and (un)realized changes of investments held at fair value;

(ii) incidentals insurance segments: incidental items relating to changes in methods, changes in accounting policies, effects of changes in accounting methods not related to insurance portfolios and revaluation of insurance liabilities;

(iii) incidentals non – insurance segments: incidental items relating to changes in methods, changes in accounting policies and effects of changes in accounting methods not related to the underlying performance of the non – insurance segments; and

(iv) other incidentals: incidental items not related to the core-business or on-going business.

# E. SCR movement during 2017



H1 SCR declines in:	H1 SCR increases in:
<p><b>Market risk:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Currency risk</li> </ul> <p><b>Insurance Risk Life:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Longevity risk</li> </ul> <p>- Diversification</p> <p>- LAC DT</p>	<p><b>Market risk:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Equity risk</li> <li>- Interest rate risk</li> <li>- Counterparty risk</li> </ul> <p><b>Insurance Risk Life:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Costs risk</li> </ul> <p><b>Insurance Risk Health:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HSLT risk and HNSLT risk</li> </ul> <p><b>Insurance Risk Non-Life:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Premium reserve risk</li> </ul> <p>- Operational risk</p>
<p><b>Delta required capital H1: €157m</b></p>	

# F. Investment portfolio

Assets (€ billion, fair value) *	FY 2016	H1 2017
Fixed income	26.0	23.9
Equities	2.2	2.4
Real estate	3.2	3.2
Mortgages / other loans	7.2	7.8
Other **	0.1	0.1
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>37.4</b>
Investments on behalf of policyholders	7.7	7.7
Other assets ***	10.5	10.7
<b>Total balance sheet a.s.r.</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>55.8</b>

This presentation is on an investment portfolio basis and distinguishes different investment categories from an asset management perspective. Therefore this presentation differs from the financial statement presentation based on IFRS

\* Rounding differences appear

\*\* 'Other' mainly represents equity associates

\*\*\* 'Other assets' mainly represents Loans and receivables (mainly due from credit institutions), cash and cash equivalents

- Re-risked the investment portfolio: from government bonds to credits, equity, mortgages and real estate to optimize return on solvency capital
- Real estate: Sell of six offices of the acquired real estate portfolio and additional investments in real estate. Net no impact on the assets on the balance sheet
- Vacancy rates decreased due to redevelopments and new contracts Retail and sale of non-core office locations
- Further increased mortgage exposure. High quality mortgage portfolio further improved credit performance with improved arrears positions and incurred foreclosure losses < 1 bp.
- Further reduced swap spread exposure in Solvency II regime by exchanging long dated core governments bonds to combination of short duration instruments and receiver swaps
- Decrease of portfolio value due to increased interest rates

# G. Details fixed-income portfolio

## Key highlights

- The core of the portfolio consist of AAA government bonds, with selective peripheral sovereign exposure. 2017H1 saw an general decrease in exposure to the asset class as a whole, but an increase in US Treasuries (currency exposure hedged)
- The decrease in value of the investment portfolio is mainly the result of an decrease of the fixed income portfolio and interest rate derivatives, due to increasing interest rates
- Exposure structured instruments decreased mainly due to decreased exposure in CDO's
- In line with the investment plans formed for 2017, exposure to government bonds was reduced in favor of an increase in:
  - credits, gradual buildup during 2017
  - equity exposure, completed in 2017H1
  - real estate, largely completed with the purchase of Basisfonds Stationslocaties C.V.
  - mortgages, increase particularly in more attractive yielding LtFV buckets
- The swap spread exposure was further reduced
- High quality mortgage portfolio with credit losses < 1 bp

Fixed income (€m)	FY 2016	H1 2017	Delta
Government	13,032	11,313	-13%
Financials	4,792	5,030	5%
Structured	205	188	-8%
Corporate	5,472	5,628	3%
Derivatives	2,490	1,744	-30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,991</b>	<b>23,903</b>	<b>-8%</b>

Mortgages (€m, book value) *	FY 2016	H1 2017	Delta
LtFV < 75%	1,561	1,817	17%
LtFV < 100%	753	840	12%
LtFV < 125%	925	1,144	25%
LtFV > 125%	95	112	18%
NHG	3,869	3,916	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,202</b>	<b>7,829</b>	<b>9%</b>

\* Loan to Foreclosure Value at originated value, no index applied

Governments (€m)	FY 2016	H1 2017	Delta
Germany	4,150	3,263	-21%
Netherlands	3,672	3,107	-15%
Belgium	1,391	1,137	-8%
France	1,233	1,136	-18%
GIIPS	1,061	998	-6%
Austria	693	658	-5%
Other	499	490	-2%
Supranationals	288	282	-2%
United States	45	240	437%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,032</b>	<b>11,313</b>	<b>-13%</b>

# H. Details equities portfolio and real estate portfolio

Equities

## Key highlights

- Re-risking in the first quarter of 2017 by an increase of the equity exposure, partially reversed after June because of lowered perceived attractiveness
- Continuation of the active hedging policy for the illiquid part of the portfolio
- The vacancy rate of Retail decreases due to redevelopments and new contracts with Hudson's Bay
- The decrease in the vacancy rate of Offices is mainly due to the sale non-core office locations
- The net yield after vacancy in H1 2017 is 4.4%

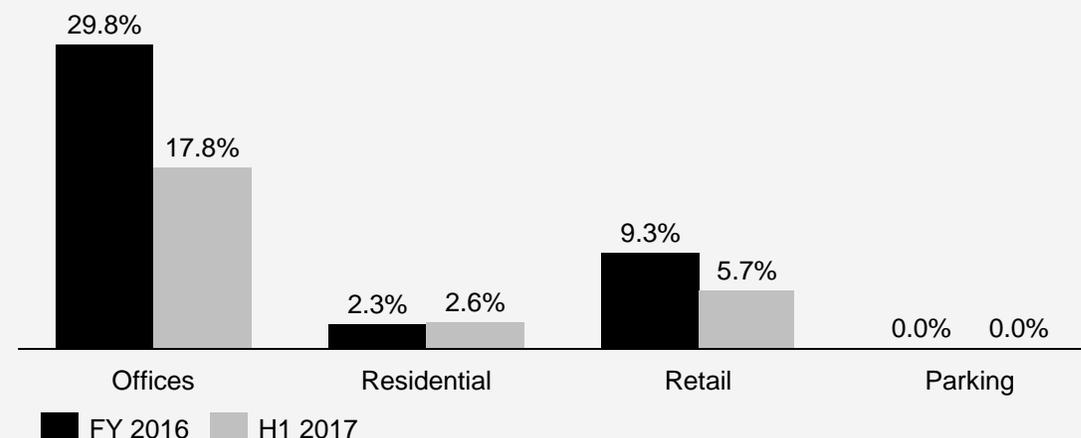
Real estate

Real estate (€m)	FY 2016	H1 2017	Delta
Offices	202	131	-35%
Retail	64	58	-9%
Rural	1,248	1,303	4%
Parking & other	41	46	12%
<b>Total real estate (excl funds &amp; own use)</b>	<b>1,554</b>	<b>1,538</b>	<b>-1%</b>
ASR Dutch Prime Retail Fund	524	527	2%
ASR Dutch Core Residential Fund	754	800	7%
ASR Dutch Mobility Office Fund	155	156	1%
Other Funds	54	71	31%
<b>Total real estate (excl. own use)</b>	<b>3,041</b>	<b>3,092</b>	<b>2%</b>
Offices own use	145	143	-1%
<b>Total real estate</b>	<b>3,186</b>	<b>3,235</b>	<b>2%</b>

Equities (€m)	FY 2016	H1 2017	Delta
Equities	1,793	2,113	18%
Private equities	82	71	-13%
Hedge funds	0	0	-42%
Other funds	289	232	-20%
Derivatives	16	11	-32%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,180</b>	<b>2,427</b>	<b>11%</b>

\* As of 2017H1 a.s.r. managed Real estate funds are classified in the Real estate table instead of under 'Other funds' equity.

## Real estate vacancy rates\*\*

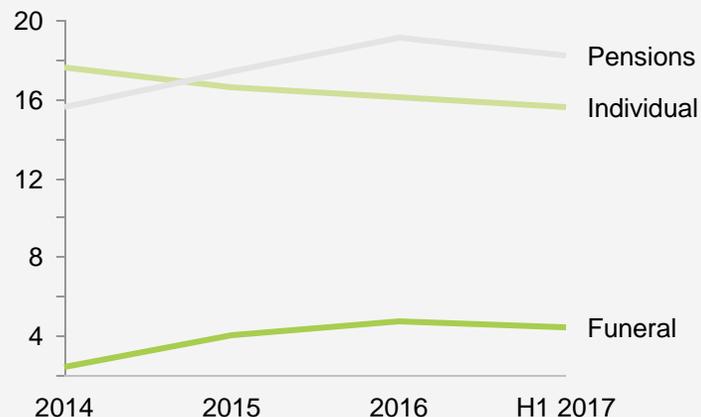


\* New contract with Hudson's Bay reduces Retail vacancy to 4.7%, to be fully effected in 2018

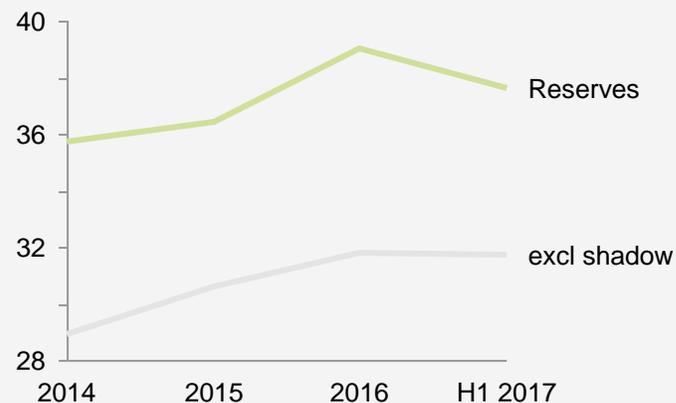
\*\* Excluding Other Funds and Offices own use

# I. Life segment development of book

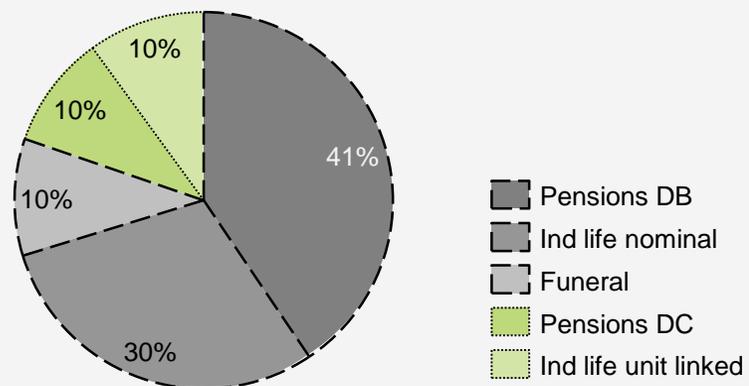
**Life reserves development** (in € bln)



**Life reserves** (in € bln)



**Reserves - H1 17 (€ 38 billion)**



- Individual Life book has decreased by ~€ 2 billion since 2014. Pension book has increased more than € 2 billion since 2014 due to buy-outs and regular interest accrual on liabilities (mostly DB-book). Funeral book is stable and slightly increased, supported by acquisitions of AXENT and NIVO.
- Corrected for shadow accounting (interest rate movements) the life book still increased the last three years.
- Life reserves amounted to € 38 billion as per H1 2017. The pension book represents the largest part of the IFRS reserves.

# J. Investment contribution Life segment

€ mln	H1 2015	H2 2015	H1 2016	H2 2016	H1 2017
Direct investment income*	530	473	505	511	521
Amortization realized gains reserve	61	99	119	150	161
Total investment contribution	591	572	624	661	682
Required interest on liabilities**	-431	-398	-423	-421	-423
<b>Investment margin</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>259</b>
Shadow accounting reserve (Life)	2,585	2,590	5,842	3,709	2,507
Realized gains reserve (Life)	3,028	3,185	3,217	3,482	3,437

- Despite the declining interest rate, direct investment income was up in 2016 and in H1 2017.
- The regular decrease in direct investment income was offset by inflow in the investment portfolio due to the acquired businesses.
- Furthermore during 2016 additional yield was picked up due to the expansion of the swap portfolio (part of the swap-spread hedging program) and additional market risk (mortgages, equity, credits)
- The amortization from the realized gains reserve (shadow accounting) shows a year-on-year increase, offsetting the regular decrease in direct investment income

\* This line item differs from "investment income" in the Annual Report due to (i) interest expenses on derivatives and (ii) saving mortgages (offset through technical provisions)

\*\* Including other components such as profit sharing

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